

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2955–S2989

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 832–837, S. Res. 102–104, and S. Con. Res. 17–18. **Page S2969**

Measures Reported:

S. 377, to establish a United States Poland parliamentary youth exchange program. (S. Rept. No. 110–33)

S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO. (S. Rept. No. 110–34)

S. 676, to provide that the Executive Director of the Inter American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter American Foundation. (S. Rept. No. 110–35) **Pages S2968–69**

Measures Passed:

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 102, supporting the goals of "International Women's Day". **Pages S2987–88**

Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho: Senate agreed to S. Res. 103, commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women's Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights. **Pages S2988–89**

Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 544, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2989**

Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building: Senate passed H.R. 584, to designate the Federal building located at 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest in the District of Columbia as the "Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2989**

Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 342, to designate the United States courthouse located at 555 Independence Street in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Rush Hudson Limbaugh, Sr. United States Courthouse", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2989**

Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security, withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2956–67**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2956**

Landrieu Amendment No. 321 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to include levees in the list of critical infrastructure sectors. **Page S2956**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 336 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the use of the peer review process in determining the allocation of funds among metropolitan areas applying for grants under the Urban Area Security Initiative. **Page S2956**

Coburn Amendment No. 325 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure the fiscal integrity of grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security. **Page S2956**

Coburn Amendment No. 294 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide that the provisions of the Act shall cease to have any force or effect on and after December 31, 2012, to ensure congressional review and oversight of the Act. **Page S2956**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 357 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend the data-mining technology reporting requirement to avoid revealing existing patents, trade secrets, and confidential business processes, and to adopt a narrower definition of

data-mining in order to exclude routine computer searches. **Page S2956–57**

Biden Amendment No. 383 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop regulations regarding the transportation of high hazard materials. **Page S2957**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 367 (to Amendment No. 275), to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to establish and implement a program to provide additional safety measures for vehicles that carry high hazardous materials. **Page S2957**

Stevens Amendment No. 299 (to Amendment No. 275), to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications. **Page S2957**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 337 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for the use of funds in any grant under the Homeland Security Grant Program for personnel costs. **Page S2956**

Bond/Rockefeller Amendment No. 389 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate should submit a report on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission with respect to intelligence reform and congressional intelligence oversight reform. **Page S2957**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 68), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275) (listed above). **Page S2958**

By 69 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 69), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 275 (listed above). **Page S2958**

Chair sustained a point of order under Rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Sununu Amendment No. 291 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions. **Page S2956**

Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. **Page S2956**

Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 313 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda. **Page S2956**

Landrieu Amendment No. 296 (to Amendment No. 275), to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. **Page S2956**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide adequate funding for local governments harmed by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005. **Page S2956**

Allard Amendment No. 272 (to Amendment No. 275), to prevent the fraudulent use of social security account numbers by allowing the sharing of social security data among agencies of the United States for identity theft prevention and immigration enforcement purposes. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Sessions) Amendment No. 305 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the voluntary inherent authority of States to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States and to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide information related to aliens found to have violated certain immigration laws to the National Crime Information Center. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 310 (to Amendment No. 275), to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 311 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for immigration injunction reform. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 312 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the recruitment of persons to participate in terrorism, to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review, to strengthen the Federal Government's ability to detain dangerous criminal aliens, including murderers, rapists, and child molesters, until they can be removed from the United States, to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Modified Amendment No. 317 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit the rewarding of suicide bombings and allow adequate punishments for terrorist murders, kidnappings, and sexual assaults. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 318 (to Amendment No. 275), to protect classified information. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 319 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for relief from (a)(3)(B) immigration bars from the Hmong and other groups who do not pose a threat to the United States, to designate the Taliban as a terrorist organization for immigration purposes. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Kyl) Amendment No. 320 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the Classified Information Procedures Act. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 300 (to Amendment No. 275), to clarify the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review. **Page S2956**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 309 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the prohibitions on money laundering. **Page S2956**

Thune Amendment No. 308 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand and improve the Proliferation Security Initiative while protecting the national security interests of the United States. **Page S2956**

Cardin Amendment No. 326 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide for a study of modification of area of jurisdiction of Office of National Capital Region Coordination. **Page S2956**

Cardin Amendment No. 327 (to Amendment No. 275), to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region. **Page S2956**

Cardin Modified Amendment No. 328 (to Amendment No. 275), to require Amtrak contracts and leases involving the State of Maryland to be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. **Page S2956**

Sessions Amendment No. 347 (to Amendment No. 275), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the funding of Senate approved construction of fencing and vehicle barriers along the southwest border of the United States. **Page S2956**

Coburn Amendment No. 301 (to Amendment No. 275), to prohibit grant recipients under grant programs administered by the Department from expending funds until the Secretary has reported to Congress that risk assessments of all programs and activities have been performed and completed, improper payments have been estimated, and corrective action plans have been developed and reported as required under the Improper Payments Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note). **Page S2956**

Lieberman (for Menendez) Amendment No. 354 (to Amendment No. 275), to improve the security of cargo containers destined for the United States. **Page S2956**

Specter Amendment No. 286 (to Amendment No. 275), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Pages S2956, S2962**

Ensign Amendment No. 363 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Law Enforcement Assistance

Force in the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate the contributions of retired law enforcement officers during major disasters. **Page S2957**

Biden Amendment No. 384 (to Amendment No. 275), to establish a Homeland Security and Neighborhood Safety Trust Fund and refocus Federal priorities toward securing the Homeland. **Page S2957**

Bunning Amendment No. 334 (to Amendment No. 275), to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the authorities relating to Federal flight deck officers. **Page S2957**

Schumer Amendment No. 366 (to Amendment No. 275), to restrict the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a license authorizing the export to a recipient country of highly enriched uranium for medical isotope production. **Page S2957**

Wyden Amendment No. 348 (to Amendment No. 275), to require that a redacted version of the Executive Summary of the Office of Inspector General Report on Central Intelligence Agency Accountability Regarding Findings and Conclusions of the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 is made available to the public. **Page S2957**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill be vitiated; that the bill be read a third time and a vote occur on final passage on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 immediately upon the disposition of Reid Amendment No. 275 (listed above); that when the Senate convenes on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, and resumes consideration of the bill, all time under cloture be expired and Senate immediately begin voting on the pending germane amendments; provided further that during legislative session on Monday, March 12, 2007, the provisions of Rule 22 not bar a motion to proceed made by the Majority Leader. **Page S2989**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the reappointment of Guy Rocha of Nevada to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S2987**

Messages From the House:

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Messages Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—69)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 1:11 p.m., until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2989.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION/SBA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Reuben Jeffery III, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Steven C. Preston, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 1424–1467; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88–89; and H. Res. 231–235 were introduced.

Pages H2397–H2400

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2400–01

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 985, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–42, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1254, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations (H. Rept. 110–43); and

H.R. 1255, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–44). **Page H2397**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2343**

Water Quality Financing Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 720, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 135. **Pages H2345–77**

Agreed to the Cantor motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 359 ayes to 56 nays, Roll No. 134. Subsequently, Representative Oberstar reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H2374–76**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–36 shall be considered as adopted and shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Page H2364**

Agreed to:

Stupak amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that requires the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the State Department and Canadian government, to study wastewater treatment facilities that discharge into the Great Lakes and provide recommendations to improve monitoring, information sharing, and cooperation between the U.S. and Canada and requires the EPA to consult with the International Joint Commission; **Pages H2367–68**

Hall (NY) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of House Report 110–36) that requires that states, in the development of their priority list under section 606(g) of the Clean Water Act, consider whether the project or activity proposed for funding would first address the repair and replacement of existing wastewater infrastructure; **Pages H2370–71**